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1. REF A SOLICITED REPLIES TO QUESTIONS RELATING TO GOC NARCOTICS TRAINING FACILITIES. THE FOLLOWING RESPONSES ARE PROVIDED:

A. GOC NARCOTICS TRAINING PROGRAM. THE TWO GOC NARCOTICS CONTROL AGENCIES, "INVESTIGACIONES" (CIVIL POLICE) AND "CARABINEROS" (UNIFORMED POLICE), HAVE SEPARATE NARCOTICS TRAINING PROGRAMS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL. BOTH PROGRAMS ARE MODEST AND NARROW IN SCOPE. IN GENERAL, THE PROGRAMS CONSIST OF SHORT COURSES INTEGRATED INTO THE POLICE ACADEMIES' CURRICULA AND ARE DESIGNED TO GIVE ALL OFFICERS A BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT WORK. THESE COURSES INCLUDE INSTRUCTION ON NARCOTICS IDENTIFICATION, PREPARATION OF CASES, ANALYSIS OF INTELLIGENCE, AND SURVEILLANCE OF SUSPECTS.

B. EXISTING LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING FACILITIES. BOTH GOC NARCOTICS AGENCIES HAVE THEIR OWN NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMIES WHICH ADMINISTER TAILORED LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING.

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C. NARCOTICS TRAINING PROVIDED BY THE USG. THE USG HAS PROVIDED

GENERAL NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TRAINING TO BOTH ORGANIZATIONS OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS. EIGHTY-FIVE OFFICERS HAVE RECEIVED SUCH TRAINING

IN CHILE; 24 HAVE RECEIVED IT IN THE US.

D. MEASURABLE RESULTS. THE GOC NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION EFFORT REMAINS IN THE DEVELOPMENT PHASE AND IT IS TOO SOON TO MAKE AN ASSESSMENT OF ITS IMPACT ON ENFORCEMENT. THE EMBASSY IS ENCOURAGED BY THE CONTINUED GOC INTEREST IN THE TRAINING AND BELIEVES THAT WE SHOULD SEE CONCRETE RESULTS IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

E. GOC ACCEPTANCE OF A PROGRAM DEVELOPING ITS NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TRAINING. BOTH GOC AGENCIES HAVE DEMONSTRATED A DESIRE TO RECEIVE CONTINUED USG ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING THEIR OWN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS, AS LONG AS SUCH ASSISTANCE IS TAILORED TO THE INDIVIDUAL WANTS AND NEEDS OF THE AGENCIES (THEY ARE RIVALS AND PREFER TO TAKE SEPARATE TRAINING). THE EMBASSY OPINES THAT SUCH ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE IN THE FORM OF ADDITIONAL IN-COUNTRY NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TRAINING SCHOOLS AND SOME INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT TRAINING IN CHILE.

F. GOC REGIONAL TRAINING. THE GOC DOES NOT NOW HAVE, NOR WILL HAVE IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, THE CAPABILITY TO CONDUCT REGIONAL TRAINING FOR NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

2. THERE HAS BEEN NO BASIC CHANGE IN THE GOC NARCOTICS TRAINING SINCE THE SUBMISSION OF OUR TRAINING ASSESSMENT PAPER (REF B). A COPY OF THE PAPER HAS BEEN POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR S/NM. POPPER

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